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It seems appropriate to apply annually one of the measuring sticks in extension work as it affects rural young people enrolled in the 4-H Clubs. The measuring stick considered here is the number of former 4-H Club members now enrolled as students in agricultural and home-economics courses at the State colleges of agriculture.

This summary is based on information which the writer has obtained from State club leaders relative to the enrollment, for the college year of 1939-40, of former 4-H Club members in the courses in agriculture and home economics at the State colleges of agriculture in the 13 Central States.

The data for the college year 1939-40 show that, of the reported 18,354 students enrolled in agriculture and home economics, 6,934, or 37.78 percent, were former 4-H Club members.

DISTRIBUTION: A copy of this summary has been sent to each of the following: President, dean of agriculture, dean of home economics, and registrar of State agricultural colleges; director of extension, State club leader, county agent leader, and home demonstration leader; extension editor; agricultural-college library and experiment-station library.

For the college year 1939-40, Illinois ranked first, with 49.53 percent of these students being former 4-H Club members; Indiana second, with 47.94 percent; Nebraska third, with 44.79 percent; Kansas fourth, with 43.32 percent; and Iowa fifth, with 41.56 percent.

These data seem to indicate that the 4-H Club movement is fostering a desire on the part of 4-H Club members to obtain additional scholastic training, and that it is directing an increasing number toward the State colleges of agriculture. That the awarding of scholarships to 4-H Club members has been a factor in encouraging attendance at the State colleges of agriculture is probably true.

No attempt has been made to obtain information regarding entrance into courses other than agriculture and home economics or at any college other than the State college of agriculture. It is known, however, that many former 4-H Club members enter other courses at the agricultural college, and also that many more enroll as students at other educational institutions.

Since 1927, the number of former 4-H Club members enrolled in agriculture and home economics at the State colleges of agriculture in the 13 Central States has increased more rapidly, proportionately, than has the total number of students enrolled in these courses. If the figure 100 is used as a base for 1927-28, the relative volume of former 4-H Club members enrolled as students has increased to 830 in 1939-40.

Summary by Years, 1927-40

College	Number of Central States reporting	Total number of former 4-H Club members enrolled in agricultural and home-econom- ics courses	Percentage of former 4-H members in total student enrollment in agricultural and home-economics courses	Relative volume of club members	
1927-28	12	751	18.5	100 (as base)	
1929-30	12	1,758	26.3	234	
1930-31	12	2,263	24.7	301	
1931-32	10	1,863	27.2	248	
1932-33	13	2,178	28.54	290	
1933-34	13	2,335	31.36	310	
1934-35	13	2,916	31.70	388	
1935-36	12	3,395	31.96	452	
1935-37	12	4,250	33.80	560	
1937-38	13	5,327	36.11	709	
1933-39	13	6,144	37.03	818	
1939-40	13	6,934	37.78	830	

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	Students enrolled in agricultural courses										
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State	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total	
Illinois	388	218	205	228	1,039	223	100	130	125	578	
Indiana	308	225	177	178	888	141	141	102	93	477	
Iowa	437	440	274	265	1,416	290	253	158	148	849	
Kansas	246	169	152	135	702	114	83	76	84	357	
Kentucky	125	96	97	74	392	45	36	28	28	137	
Michigan	308	182	163	182	835	51	40	47	33	171	
Minnesota	180	206	109	72	567	46	65	46	25	182	
Missouri	324	238	199	195	956	104	84	60	63	311	
Nebraska	201	154	136	88	579	110	73	50	44	277	
North Dakota	160	82	102	63	407	60	32	38	22	152	
Ohio	410	314	214	221	1,159	168	112	101	93	474	
South Dakota	166	131	93	57	447	55	52	31	16	154	
Wisconsin	245	209	171	179	804	104	88	86	89	367	
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State	Freshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total	Treshmen	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total	
Illinois	180	136	130	219	665	95	66	53	52	266	
Indiana	300	247	157	158	862	114	99 ,	82	67	362	
Iowa	579	483	326	237	1,625	119	124	94	78	415	
Kansas	279	203	174	147	803	99	75	66	55	295	
Kentucky	73	63	59	46	241	29	26	14	14	83	
Michigan	349	263	199	168	979	48	34	23	20	125	
Minnesota	209	261	90	72	632	48	47	23	12	130	
Missouri	78	44	46	29	197	40	14	22	10	86	
Nebraska	153	123	103	78	457	49	59	45	34	187	
North Dakota	120	76	58	68	322	36	18	15	18	87	
Ohio	175	163	98	131	567	44	61	33	42	180	
South Dakota	84	55	48	39	226	23	17	13	10	63	
Wisconsin	171	182	111	123	587	52	50	33	34	1.69	
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State	Reported total number of students in agriculture and home economics	Reported total number of former 4-H Club members	Percentage
Illinois	1,704	844	49.53
Indiana	1,750	839	47.94
Iowa	3,041	1,264	41.56
Kansas	1,505	652	43.32
Kentucky	633	220	34.75
Michigan	1,814	296	16.32
Minnesota	1,199	312	26.02
Missouri	1,153	397	34.43
Nebraska	1,036	464	44.79
Nórth Dakota	729	239	32.78
Ohio	1,726	654	37.89
South Dakota	673	217	32.24
Wisconsin	1,391	536	38.53
Totals	18,354	6,934	37.78

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